

Satan

Who is he? Where did he come from?

Some of the things mentioned here have at times made brethren angry, but we will cover them anyway.

1. First, Satan is a created spirit being.
 - a. He was among the hosts of heaven created in the beginning – Psalm 148.1-5
 - b. He was among the “sons of God” who came before the throne – Job 1.6; 2.1
 - c. He was among the “sons of God” who shouted for joy at the foundation of the world – Job 38.7
 - d. As were all spirit beings, he was originally included among the things that were “good, very good” – Genesis 1.31
2. We can already see that he was, and is, very likely an angel. But how and when did he go bad? And here is the part that can disturb some people:
 - a. Ezekiel 28
 - i. Prince of Tyre – verses 2-10
 - ii. King of Tyre – verses 12-19
 - iii. Some view this as a reference to Satan
 - b. Isaiah 14.12-15 has also been associated with Satan – see 1 Timothy 3.6
 - c. Neither passage is conclusively speaking of Satan, and the idea that they are should be taken with the proverbial “grain of salt”
3. His very name marks him as the “adversary” or the “accuser” – Revelation 12.10
 - a. Satan – Adversary
 - b. Devil – False accuser, slanderer
 - c. These are one and the same – Revelation 12.9
4. So, he is a created spirit being, most likely an angel, who was made good originally, but became the adversary of mankind and of God, and the accuser of God’s followers
5. He is also the arch leader of the evil angels and demons – Matthew 25.41; Luke 13.11 and 16; Mark 3.23 “How can Satan cast out Satan?”
6. He is also referred to as the “prince of the power of the air” – Ephesians 2.2
7. He was the possessor of all kingdoms at one time – Luke 4.5-8 (the Lord did not contradict him)
8. The Lord referred to him as the “ruler of this world” – John 16.11
9. But he is not all-powerful:
 - a. He answered to God in Job 1 & 2
 - b. He was cast out of heaven – Revelation 12
 - c. He was (some say will be) bound in the bottomless pit – Revelation 20.1-2

What does he do?

1. He has killed every human being that has ever lived except 2 – Genesis 3; John 8.44
2. He slanders God to man – Genesis 3.4-5
3. He slanders man to God – Job 1.9; 2.4-5
4. He provokes man to disobey God – Genesis 3.4; 1 Chronicles 21.1; temptation in the wilderness
5. He fights against and perverts the word of God - Luke 8.12

6. He leads his angels and the demons in assault upon the holy angels and man – Revelation 12
7. He and his followers are committed to doing all they can to see that we are with them in that place prepared to them – Matthew 25.41; Revelation 20.10

What will finally happen to him?

1. Matthew 25.41 – the lake of fire was prepared for the Devil and his angels
2. He was at one time allowed to roam the earth at will – Job 1 & 2 and other
3. But he was defeated and cast into the pit – Revelation 20.2-3
4. But he will be released for a little while – Revelation 20.3
5. After the final struggle, he will be cast into the lake of fire where some of his servants are already – Revelation 20.10

Conclusion:

Consider this; Satan is neither humble nor obedient.

These are what God seeks in us.

This is exactly what Jesus was – Philippians 2.8

Which do you want to copy?

Satan, who is arrogant and proud, and will suffer the fires of hell?

Or Jesus, Who is humble and obedient, and has received eternal glory in heaven and on earth?